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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 1- 16

Major ~~Part~~ B. for June 1892.

SUBJECT

Duty on spirits imported from British India into Mysore &c.

1. From Resident in Mysore
D. No 729 (C.R.) L. No 989/5927 dt 23.3.1889.
Forwards copy of proc^s of Madras Govt withdrawing remission of duty hitherto allowed on spirits made in the country exports from the Madras Presidency under bond into Mysore.

2. To Govt Sir Harry Prendergast & Co
D.O dt 5-3-1892.
Requests to obtain the sanction of the Govt of India for the Durbar importing liquor duty under bond free of duty to the British Govt on account of scarcity of water. and some other reasons.

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GPB—1,000—1-7-11

From M. N. Narain Rao D.O. dt 6-3-92. The request will be submitted by a careful perusal in the Register of Resident's Letters

From Mr. Narain Rao. Telegram dt 6.3.92.
writes That Residency letters re-liquor from British India found in the excise comm's office and it will be sent next day

To The Excise Commr. Telegram dt 7.3.92.
Request to ascertain decision of the Govt on Station re-arrack shops and calls for further information

From Lt F. A. Resident in mysore.
D. No 12293/833. dt. No D. O. dt 10.3.92.
States that Govt of India have sanctioned the import into mysore of country liquor made bond duty free

To Captain Ravenshaw
D. O. dt 10.3.92
Acknowledges receipt of the above with thanks.

To Lt Sealy to the Govt of mysore D.P.W.
Dated 10.3.92. dt. No 1171 (camp)
Submits extract from Asst Resident's D.O. with copy of that office No 1170. re-import of country liquor from Madras to mysore under bond duty free.

To The Excise comm'r in mysore; No 1170 dt 10.3.92 Camp.
Forwards copy of the above serial with a request to report on the steps taken to provide water for the central distillery

To The Commissioner of Excise from Messrs Parry and Co's Agent. D.O. dt 30.3.1892
Requests to advise re- the supply of Spirit on certain conditions

D.O. From A.J. Yorke to mr. L. Ricketts
Expresses his opinion re- his (mr. Yorke's) firms position with refce to supplying from his distilleries outside mysore

From mr. L. Ricketts to mr. Sheshadri Iyer
D.O. dt 10.6.92
Expresses his opinion and recommends the acceptance of mr. Yorkes terms with certain slight suggestions

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Memorandum

In ré Duty on Spirits imported from British Territory into Mysore.

Letter No. 3185/5927 Dt. 30-9-87.

At the instance of the Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Madras the Assistant Resident enquired the Durbar, what classes of officers might be authorized to grant certificates for the export, under bond, of spirits to Mysore from the Madras Presidency.

Docket Camp No. 1407 Dt 7-10-87.

The Deputy Commr. of the Bangalore District was consulted, and this officer was

Docket No. 518 Dt 13-10-87

of opinion that either the Deputy Commr, Bangalore Dist or his Special Assistant in the Abkari Dept should be

Camp No. 1568 Dt 20-10-87.

delegated with the duty. The Assistant to the Resident on being informed of the same, he

Letter No. 4086/577 Dt 22-12-87.

in reply, communicated the the acceptance of the Madras Government to the Durbar's proposal.

With

With reference to previous correspondence, the Assistant to the Resident forwarded for the information of the Durbar, a copy of the Proceedings of the Madras Govt., No. 72 of 11th Feb. 1889, communicating the decision of the Viceroy, withdrawing the remission of duty hitherto allowed on spirits (Country) exported from the Madras Presidency, under bond, into the Mysore State.

Letter No. 989/5927 of 23-8-89.

The Dewan represented to the Resident that the supply of water at the Bangalore Central Distillery had utterly failed, all attempts to get water for distillation had become fruitless, that without water, no distillation could be carried on there during the next three months, that the stock in hand would suffice for the consumption of a week or so, as the position was one of serious urgency, and as Messrs. Parry & Co. were quite willing to supply all the liquor required during the next three months from

D. O. dated 5-3-92.

from their Distillery at Nelli
- Kuppam, the Dewan asked
Sir Harry Prendergast to
obtain by wire, India's sanc-
- tion for the Durbar importing
the liquor required under bond
free of duty to British Govt.

D. O. dated 10-3-92.

In reply, the Assistant
to the Resident informed that
the Govt. of India had sanc-
- tioned the import from
Madras to Mysore, of
Country liquor, under bond,
duty free, and that in doing
so, the Madras Govt. have
asked the Resident to report
the facts of the case; that
as the Dewan had entered
very fully in his D. O. on
the subject, Capt: Raven-
- shaw added that if the
Dewan had nothing further
to say, the substance of the
Dewan's D.O. would be
Communicated to Madras.

D. O. dated 10-3-92.

The Dewan, in thanking
Capt: Ravenshaw and the
Resident (Sir Harry) for
the sanction so promptly
obtained, stated that he
had nothing further to say.

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An extract from the Assistant Resident's D. O. dated 10-3-92 was forwarded to the Excise Commr. with the intimation that the above sanction was for a limited period till the 1st June 1892, in order to enable Govt to tide over the present scarcity of water and its consequent inability to distil at the Central Distillery for the time being; that Messrs: Parry & Co. might be informed of the same and they be asked to import from their Distillery at Nellikuppam, under bond, free of duty and in communication with the Madras Excise Department, such quantities of country liquor as might be required for consumption in Cuddapore during the next 3 months. The Excise Commr. was further directed to keep the Dewan informed, from time to time, of the steps taken to provide water at the Central Distillery. A Copy of the above letter was

Camp No. 1170 D/10.

Camp No. 1171 D/10-3-92

was also communicated to the Secretary D. P. W.

Letter dated 30-3-92.

Mr. A. P. Miller, Agent to Parry & Co., informed the Excise Commr., that the 20° U. P. spirit required for the supply of the State at 35,000 gallons per mensem was a large quantity, tho' the Firm was practically able to supply any quantity yet, by so doing, they should have to forsake other markets where there had been regular buyers, and if the Excise Commr. gave them a guarantee that Nellikuppam spirit would be purchased for 3 months certain, they were willing to supply it at 12½ annas per gallon, and that in the absence of such a guarantee, the Company would sell at 14 annas per gallon -

Letter No. 1806 D/ 17-6-92.

The Excise Commr. brought

brought to the notice of Government, that Messrs: Berry & Co were introducing several improvements in the Distillery buildings, such as the substitution of water pipes from the Distillery tank for an open drain, and also the construction of a chimney, which was a very essential addition; as these works would not be completed before 3 months hence & in consequence of which distillation could not be commenced at present, Mr. Ricketts solicited that the period allowed for importation of Nellikuppam liquor into Mysore, under bond, might be Extended for another 3 months, i.e, till 1st October 1872.

Thereupon, the Resident

was

was informed that as the water difficulty had still continue for all practical purposes and owing to the improvements in the Distillery buildings both by the Distillers and Government, distillation could not be carried on for some little time yet; under such circumstances, Colonel Henderson was requested to obtain Govt. of India sanction to extend for another period of 3 months up to the 30th Septr. 1892.

D.O. dated 29-6-92.

In reply, the Assistant Resident Communicated Govt of India's sanction to the above request. This was communicated to the Excise Commissioner.

No. 5605/526 dt. 29-6-92.

Submitted.

1/7/92.

Précis of Correspondence
in ré Duty on Spirits
imported from British
Territory into Mysore

Submitted.

1/7/92

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letters to the port of India Jamaica
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under bond, & not merely
& the amount with Barney
H/J as I was against bec
& understand by his step -
Draft of letter to be
written to Residents herewith
list for approval and
orders for issue with the Revenue
Enquiries letter 20/6/92

Return to the Secy
the Minister was
disposed of by
to Residents as
stated by him

22/6/92

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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE
SECTION S.R. 7-88.
FILE No.
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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE 1889.
From Asstt. to the Resident

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No. 5727

Forwarding copy of
the Progs. of the Madras
Government withdrawing
the remission of duty
hitherto allowed on Spirits
made in the Country Sup
from the Madras Pre
-dency into Mysore.

Excise Dept. 4

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No. 989
5927

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Letter for wife Rly. 25/3

FROM

THE ASSISTANT TO THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

To

The Dewan of Mysore.

Dated, Bangalore, 23rd March 1889.

SIR,

Adverting to Correspondence ending with this office letter No. 408/592 dated 22nd December 1887, I am desired to forward, for the information of the Durbar a copy of the Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department No. 92 dated 11th Feby. 1889. It will be seen that the remission of duty hitherto allowed on Spirit made in the Country exported from the Madras Presidency under bond into the Mysore

If she has been withdrawn.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most obt. Servant.

Colvin.

Assistant to the President

Government of Madras.

Revenue Department (3)

Read again the following G. O., dated 17 November 1888. No. 6915. Revenue.

Read the following letter from L. P. Shirres Esq. Offg. Under Secy to the Govt of India. Dept of Finance & Commerce, to the Secretary to the Govt of Madras, dated Simla, the 17th September 1888, No. 5090.

I am directed to forward a copy of a letter from the Resident, Hyderabad, to the Govt of the N. W. Provinces and Oudh, No. 2886 of June 1888, in which it is stated that the Govt of Madras have, from time to time, complied with applications for the exemption from duty of spirit required for the use of charitable dispensaries. I am to request that, with the permission of H. E. the Governor in Council, the Govt of India may be informed what arrangement is preferred to.

Endorsement

Copy of a letter from the Resident, Hyderabad
to the Secretary to the Govt of the N. W. P. & Oudh
Financial Dept, dated June 1888. No. 2886.

I have the honor to submit, for the
favorable consideration of His Honor the
Lieut. Governor, copy of a letter No 6 dated
15th Instant, received from the Residency
Surgeon Hyderabad, soliciting on behalf
of H. H. the Nizam's Govt permission of
Export one Cons duty on 3,000 lbs of spirit
required for the use of the charitable dispen-
saries in H. H's dominions. I am to observe
that the Madras Govt have granted
similar applications from time to time,
and to express a hope that the Govt of the
N. W. P. will be pleased to grant the exemption
asked for.

Order dated 17th November 1888. No. 6915. Rev.
Ordered that the following letter be despatched.

(True Extract)
(signed) C. A. Galton
Secy to Govt.

Read again the following letter from C. A. Galton Esq Secy to the Govt of Madras, Per Dept to the Secy to the Govt of India Dept of Finance & Commerce, Fort St George, 17th November 1888, No 6916.

1. Adverting to Mr Under Secy Shore's letter of the 17th Sept last, No 5090. I am directed to submit the following report.

2. In his letter dated June 1888. No 2886. the Resident in Hyderabad seems to refer to the orders of the Madras Govt, No 222, dated 2d March 1886, and No 559, dated 7th June 1887, in which, on the requisition of the Hyderabad Govt, exemption from excise duty was granted, certain Consignments of rectified spirits purchased from Messrs Morrison & Co, Distillers at Arcot for the use of the charitable dispensaries of H.H the Nizam's Government.

3. A similar requisition was subsequently received from the Residents in Mysore and Travancore, the exemption was made general by authorizing removal of spirits from distilleries and warehouses

on the

under bond for Export by land beyond the limits of the Madras Presidency - Vide Notification in G.O, dated 15th November 1887, No. 1073.

In four or five occasions prior to 1885, the Local Govt granted special concessions in the shape of refund or remission of customs duty on alcohol imported by sea by the Sanitary Govt for the use of charitable Dispensaries, but after receipt of the Govt of India Resolution dated 21st January 1886 No 19-S. directing that such special exemptions should not be accorded without previous reference to the Govt of India, no such concession has been granted.

I am to say that as regards the concession contained in the Notification authorizing the export of spirits by land under bond, H.E the Governor in Council is now inclined to think that there is no valid ground for

4. distinction between excise & customs duties.
If on the principle of taxing only consumption
within the limits of the presidency export of
country spirits free of excise duty were
allowed, export of imported spirits under
drawback or refund might with equal
reason be claimed, subject to the
necessary precautions to secure the
consignments of spirits arriving intact
at their destination being taken. As
such export of imported spirits is not
allowed, it appears to H. E. the Governor
in council that there is no reason
why export of spirits made in the country
should be allowed free of duty.

5. I am at the same time to say that
the Govt do not propose to withdraw the
concession already granted, until the
Govt of India lay down the principles
to be applied in the two Cases.

Read

I am also the following letter from L. P. Ahmes Esq. offg. Under Secy to the Govt of India Dept of Finance & Commerce to the Secy to the Govt of Madras Revenue Dept, dated Calcutta the 19 December 1888. No 6708.

In reply to your letter No 6916 dated the 17 Nov 1888. I am directed to state that the Governor General in Council agrees with the Govt of Madras that there is no reason why Export of Spirits made in the country should be allowed free of duty, and to request that, with the permission of H. E. the Governor in Council, the necessary orders may be issued for giving effect to this view.

2 I am at the same time to enclose, for the information of the Govt of Madras, a copy of a letter No 5089 dated 17 Sept 1888. addressed to the Govt of the North Western Provinces and Oudh [illegible]

Enclosure

From L. P. Thirie Esq. Under Secy to the Govt of India, Dept of Finance & Commce to the Secy to the Govt of the N. W. P. & Oudh Financial Dept, dated Simla the 17th September 1888. No 5089.

In reply to your letter No 153. – XII. 47. A dated the 14th July 1888. I am directed to state that the Govt of India is not aware of any precedent for the remission of the customs duty on spirit required for the use of charitable dispensaries in a Foreign state. I am also to say that the Governor General in Council agrees in the opinion of His Honor the Lieutenant Governor that there is no reason for remitting the duty in the case of excisable articles supplied to charitable dispensaries in Hyderabad.

Order — dated 11th February 1889. No. 72. Revenue

Separate Revenue. No. 20.

Abkari.

Communicated to the Commissioner of Salt, Abkari & Separate Revenue, with reference to G.O. dated 3rd December 1886, No. 1063 and G.O. August 1887, No. 771. A draft Notification embodying the modifications that will be necessary in the Distillery and Warehouse Rules should be submitted to Govt for approval and publication.

2 This order will be communicated in the Political Department to the Residents in Mysore, Travancore & Cochin & Hyderabad.

(True Extract)

(Signed) C. A. Gallon

Secy to Government.

To Commissioner of Salt, Abkari & Separate Rev.

The Political Department.

"Copy

Registrar

SECTION S. R.
FILE No. 7-88
SERIAL No. 2

5th March 1892.

My dear Sir,

The water supply at the Bangalore Central Distillery has utterly failed in this season of exceptional drought. The tank there is quite dry and our attempts to get the water required for distillation by means of pumps from wells has also failed. This particular valley was never

before

before known to be dry and we were in hopes of being able to tap springs by making wells in it. Several wells have been sunk and Pumping machinery conveyed to the spot, but there is no water to be found any where in that valley. The result is that it will be impossible to carry on distillation there during the next three months. From to-morrow the distillation has

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to be stopped owing to want of water. The stock on hand will suffice for the consumption of a week or so.

The position thus is one of very serious urgency and I am unable to find any solution of it, except by importation of liquor from the Madras Presidency. Messrs. Parry and Co. are quite willing to supply all the liquor required during the next three months from their Distillery at Nellikuppam

in the Madras Presidency, and I
therefore beg that you will be so
good as to obtain the sanction of
the Government of India for the
Merchant importing the liquor
required <u>under Bond</u> free of duty
to the British Government. Such
free importation was allowed
formerly and the Madras Govt.,
I have reason to believe, have
still no objection to it. It is the
Government of India who on
grounds

grounds of general policy have ruled rather recently that no liquor liquor should be imported into Native States from British India under Bond. But the present severe drought and consequent failure of water supply are very exceptional and afford strong reasons for making a temporary exception to the general rule, so as to allow of importation under Bond during a short fixed period, say till

31st

31st May 1892. As you are so well aware the interests involved are very large, for the ~~State~~ monthly Revenue from Arrack is nearly 1¼ lac for the Durbar and Rs 30,000/- for the Civil and Military Station. The whole of this large Revenue depends upon the supply of liquor from the Bangalore Distillery. This supply has failed owing to the drought, and importation from the Madras Presidency under

Bond

Bond is really the only and last-
alternative to which we can
resort under present circum-
stances. Such importation under
Bond can subject the British
Government to no inconvenience
or loss of any kind, for the whole
of the liquor can be consigned
under proper precautions to
prevent any portion of it being
used or breaking bulk before
arrival within Mysore Territory

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the Durbar will, if required, pay
for any special guards which the
Madras Excise Department may
consider necessary for the proper
enforcement of such precautions
In previous occasions when the
Durbar imported liquor from
Mellikuppam under Bond no
inconvenience of any kind ensued
to British Excise interests, and there
is no reason whatever to apprehend
any now, if the temporary permission

now

now asked for is granted.

Under such circumstances I shall feel much obliged if you will do the Durbar the great favor of at once obtaining the orders of the Government of India by wire, in consideration of the great urgency of the situation.

Yours sincerely

/signed/ K. Sheshadri Iyer.

General Sir Harry Prendergast, V.C.,
K.C.B
Resident in Mysore
Bangalore

Bangalore. 90

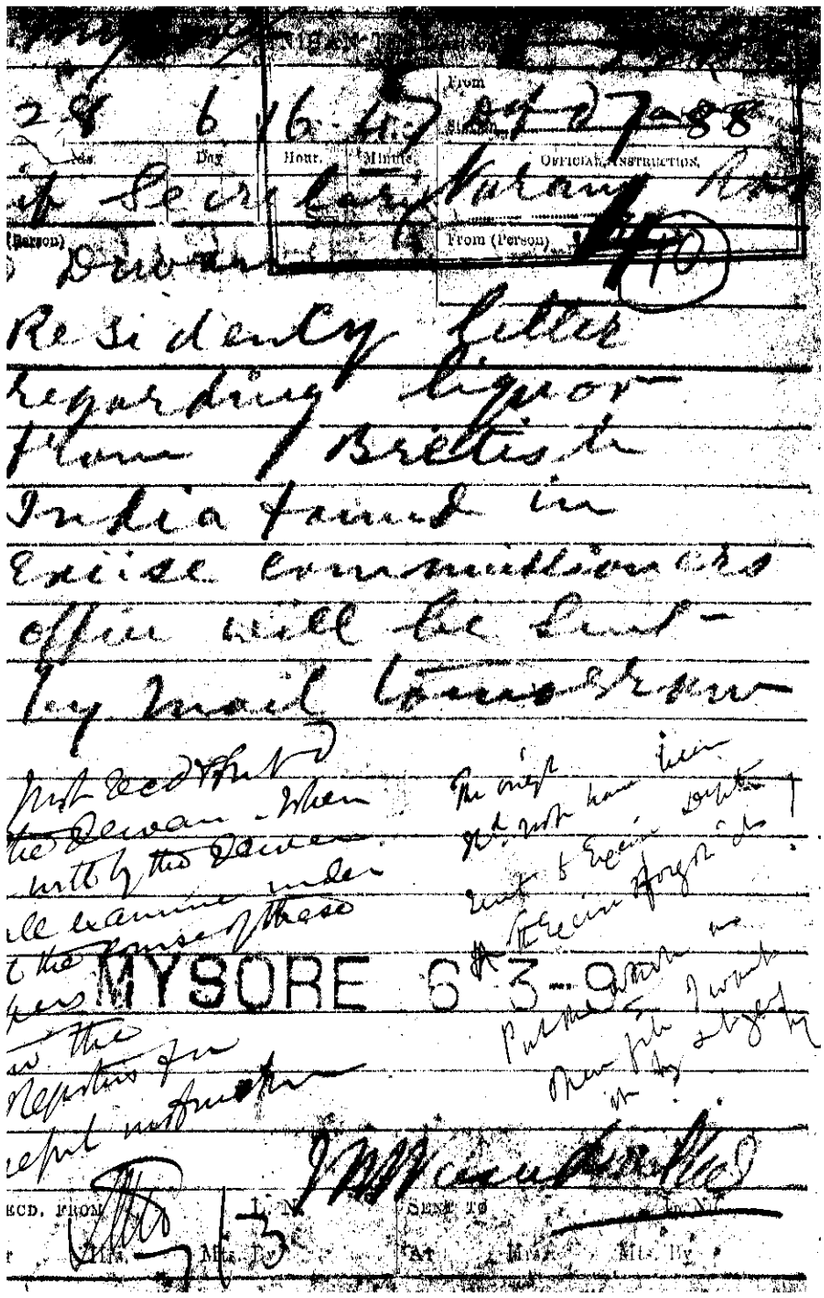
Sunday. 12 Nov

My dear Sir,

I received your telegram at 7.30 P.M. yesterday - The Registers of Residents letters for the last 3 years have been carefully examined but no trace of the reference has yet been found. The search will be continued and the reference required will be submitted to you tomorrow.

Yours very sincerely
M Krishnaiah

T. Ananda Rao Esq
Chief Secy.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Telegram SECTION (13) S.R. 7

FILE No. 7-88

To Excise Commr Bangalore

From Dewan

SERIAL No. 5

Mysore

Ascertain Station decision Arrack shops If all right advertise ours. Report immediately. I come Bangalore Thursday Is distillation going on? How is water difficulty? Consult Bowen. Reply.

Mysore
7.3.92.

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SECTION S.K. (General Serial No. 30.)

FILE No. 7K-898

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DEWAN OF MYSORE

~~To~~ The Chief Secretary to the Dewan ~~of Mysore~~.

~~From~~ The 1st Asst to the Resident in Mysore

Dated 10 March/92 (14)

Despatched

Received

Enclosures No.

General No.

No. 100

~~I beg to state that the for~~ I beg to state that the forwarding of Coorg Cattle sent with the export cattle to Mysore by Country bullock carts should be brought free

To Excise Commissioner

To Secretary DPW

Recd in the office file

Issued from Camp Mcc

Mark 11/3/92

THE RESIDENCY MYSORE

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Bangalore
10 March 92

My dear Bowen

On receipt of your D.O. letter of the 3rd inst the Resident wrote to the Govt of India, Madras asking for sanction to the import from Madras & export of Country Liquor under Bond duty free.

I am now to inform you that the G[overn]t of India have sanctioned the import but in doing so have asked the Madras Govt to report

by letter the facts of the case

You have called very fully into the subject in your D.O. and if you have nothing further to add the substance of your letter will be sent on at once

Yours

Yours sincerely
Mary Lucas

H. Sheshadri Esq Irgn Civil
Bureau of Mysore

SECTION Copying 2

FILE NO. D-88

Bangalore March 10. 1892

SERIAL NO. 15

My Dear Capt Ravenshaw-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your D.O. letter of this date conveying the sanction of the Govt of India to the import from Madras to Mysore of Country liquor under Bond duty free, and, in conveying to yourself and Sir Harry Prendergast the best thanks of the Darbar

Darbar for the Sanction
to promptly obtained
I have only to add
that I have nothing
further to state
regarding the circumstances
which compelled the
Darbar to apply for
import of liquor under
Bond, in this Exceptional
season of drought.

Yours Sincerely
Signed K. Sheshadri Iyer

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SECTION S. A.

FILE NO. 70-88

Office of the Dewan of Mysore

Camp No 11 Dated Bangalore 10th March 1892

(16)

To,

The Secretary to Government

Public Works Department

Mysore.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith the extract of a D.O. from the 1st Assistant Resident of this day conveying the sanction of the Government of India to the import from Madras to Mysore of Country liquor under Bond duly free.

(Letter No. "Thereby Adapted to Increase Comm^r — Together with)

I have the honor to be

Sir

your most Obedient servant

10/3/92

Chief Secretary.

To

The Secy to Govt.

Mysore

Dated 20th March 1892

Camp

No 1171 R.

Sending extract from
asstt Resident's D.O. with
copy of this Office No 1170
& 1073/92 regarding
import of country
liquor from Madras
to Mysore under Bond
duty free.

SECTION
FILE No. 7L-89(17)
SER'AL No. 9 (17)

Camp No 1170
dy 10-3-92

To
The Excise Comrs

Sir

I am directed to forward herewith an Extract from a D.O. from the 1st Asst Resident of this day Commung the Sanction of the Govt. of Madras to Import from Madras for Mysore of Country Liquor under Bond duty free. (as you are aware) This Sanction was asked for for a limited period in order to enable the Govt. to tide over the present Scarcity of water & our consequent inability to distill at the Central Distillery, for the time being — Messrs Parry & Co.

You Madras may now be informed of the Sanction which the Govt. of India has been pleased to give as above and that they may be asked to import, under Bond free of duty & in Conn with the Madras Excise Dept.

~~from this~~

from this Distillery at Nobleskeppan
such quantities of County liquor
as may be required for Consumption
in My ~~District during the next 3~~ during
the next 3 months.

I am further to request that
you will keep the Duties informed
from time to time of the steps being
taken to provide water at the
Central Distillery.

10/3/92

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Copy to the Secretary to Govt NWD
together with the Enclosure alluded to

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To

The Excise Commr.
in Mysore

Dated 10th March 1892

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Camp Nos 1170 & 1171

Forwarding extract
from Asstt. Resident's
D.O. letter communicating
sanction of Govt. of India
to the import by Messrs
Parry and Co., from Madras
to Mysore, of Country
liquor under Bond
duty free: and asking
report from time to time
of steps being taken to
provide water for the
Central distillery

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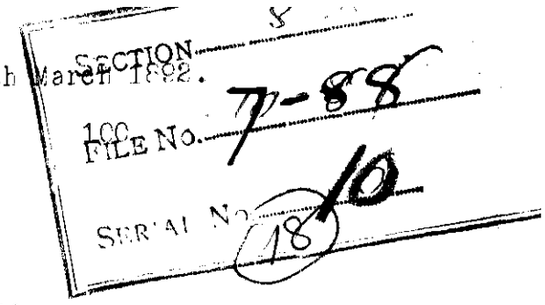
Bangalore 30th March 1892.



To

The Commissioner of Excise in Mysore

Bangalore

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you I have heard from Messrs Parry & Co. regarding the price of spirit supplied from Nellikuppam.

The 20° U.P. spirit required for the supply of this Province is say 25,000 gallons per mensem which is a very considerable quantity. Messrs Parry & Co. are quite willing and able to supply practically any quantity required; but they say that in doing so they would have to forsake other markets where there have hitherto been regular buyers of their spirit.

They consequently wish me to ask you for a guarantee that Nellikuppam spirit will be purchased for 2 months certain, in which case, they are willing to supply it at 12½ [twelve and a half] annas per gallon ex the Bangalore Distillery. This I venture to think you will agree with me, is under the circumstances, a fair arrangement, and a low rate, when I say that the market value of the spirit is equivalent to 12 annas per gallon 20° U.P. ex the Nellikuppam Distillery.

In the absence of such a guarantee as above mentioned, or, in other words, without the certainty of having to supply for 2 months, I am instructed to say they would require 14[fourteen]annas per gallon 20° U.P. ex the Bangalore Distillery.

On the other hand, if a contract could be arranged for one year certain [with the sanction of the Madras Government obtained for the importation of spirit for that period] they would be glad to consider such further reduction in the rate as would probably be satisfactory to the Government of Mysore.

I shall feel much obliged if you will on receipt of this kindly either advise me under which conditions you decide that the spirit shall be supplied, or, pending a decision on this point, accord your permission to issues being paid for at 14 annas per gallon 20° U.P. when, should any other

rate be subsequently agreed upon the difference will be refunded.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

your most obedient servant

[Sd] A.P.Millar

Agent to Messrs Parry & Co.

Parry & Co

SECTION S.R.

FILE No. 10-89

SDR Vol. [illegible] 1892.

My dear Mr Ricketts.

Referring to our conversation yesterday, to your D.O letter of 3rd instant to Mr Millar, I now write to put clearly before you my firm's position with reference to supplying spirit to Government from our distilleries outside Mysore and must point out to start with that the extra 2 annas which we are now getting does not mean extra profit to us, but simply goes to meet extra expense which we have been put to to meet the Mysore demand for spirit at a time when, but for our ability to step in as we did and import spirit, a heavy loss of revenue from non-supply was impending on your Government.

The extra expense in question has arisen in two ways, viz:-

1, from the cost of conveyance from Tanjore and Nellicooppum with the wastage involved

& 2, from the extra expense incurred in working a Distillery at the highest possible pressure, instead of as customary.

Roughly speaking, the expense under Each

heading

heading may be taken as 1 anna per gallon. Mr Millar can, if you wish, demonstrate this to you so far as concerns the 1st point. As regards the 2nd, we could only be guided by our experience which is that of the largest distillers in S/. India.

I will here explain our indication to which you refer of a lower price if your Government contracted for a longer period than 3 months as per our letter of 30th March last. In writing that letter what we had in mind was a Contract of 12 months for which period, as mentioned to the Diwan in person, we were willing to supply at 11½ annas, since a definite Contract for that period permitted a cheaper quotation by saving the expensive high pressure work, in the following manner:-

The spirit firms in British Territory are leased year by year from 1st April to 31st March and the Chief lessees generally made agreements with distillers for supplies of spirit during the currency of their leases at the commencement of the same.

If Secure of the Mysore demand for

for a full year, we were in a position to only enter into Contracts with such British Vend. farmers as was compatible with the ordinary economical working of our distilleries, but with the Mysore demand only lasting for 3 months, we had to keep touch with our British customers and to do so and supply Mysore, involved the expensive high pressure work.

What extra expense has actually been entailed on us in this instance, it is impossible to prove mathematically, as so many factors enter into good and bad distillery working, but we could shew that much of our spirit recently manufactured has cost us 13 annas per gallon delivered and we estimate that 1 anna per gallon all round has not covered us for the high pressure additional cost: Of this loss, we have no desire to make a grievance as it results from no fault of your Govt. who are of course also losers by the necessity of importing, but under the circumstances, we thought we were doing all that could be expected in offering to continue the import of spirit on existing terms (12½ as:) pending the completion of alterations which will, in the long run, certainly benefit Govt. much more than they will us. I am

however

however of what you told me about the difficulty with the Cantonment authorities, I make the following proposition and trust your Government will view it as no small endeavour to meet them and so perpetuate those good relations which have so far existed between us in spite of exceptional circumstances that might well have strained them.

I offer them, on the understanding that the Distillery alterations are pressed forward as fast as possible, to continue to supply the Mysore Province at the existing rate of 12½ annas and to reduce the rate to the Cantonment to 11½ annas. The Cantonment authorities ought to be glad to accept these terms, since the loss of only one anna for the short time involved is bound to be made up to them over and over again in the future by the cheapening in cost of spirit resulting from the distillery improvements. As the Mysore Government, while sharing this advantage, will also benefit by a reduction in the Government Distillery Establishment to the extent of say Rs: 3500, per annum in perpetuity and by an untold saving in Revenue owing to the security to it which the new arrangements

involve, no doubt they will be glad to close

In conclusion, I would suggest that in consideration of this very liberal offer of ours, Government might forego any further action in the matter of the arbitra to which you referred yesterday, but which we were under the impression had been already allowed to drop. Whichever way the arbitration might go, I believe it would entail more trouble and expense than it could be worth and to go on with it might endanger the present friendly relations between ourselves and Government.

I hope to write you regarding starting a sugar factory at Saulhallé or elsewhere in the Province in the course of a few days. Meanwhile, I shall be glad to hear from you in reply to this letter at your convenience, either direct, or through Mr Millar.

Yours sincerely
1805. A. J. Yorke.

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SECTION

FILE NO. 7-88

Bangalore 1/6 the June 1892

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(28)

Sir Attended to. 11/7/92

My dear Mr. Sheshadri Iyer

Please read first, Enclosure A, which is my reply to Mr. Mattan's letter, which I forwarded to you in original.

As regards Mr. Yorke's reply of 9th June /92 - Para I, I think there is some force in what he says as regards extra cost of Lignon Intended by working at high pressure for a limited period - I am inclined therefore to recommend the acceptance of Mr. Yorke's terms viz continuance of 12½ annas rate for the Mysore Province & 11½ annas for the Civil & Military Station. If you consent, kindly write or wire

[illegible] me soon, so that I may put myself in communication with Mr Ananda Rao, as regards further importation from Shikarpur, say for an additional period of three months - or, perhaps you will kindly direct the needful to be done from Mysore - as regards addressing Resident to write to Govts of India & Mysore as regards such longer importation.

Col. Bowen has promised to forward the alterations, which you have already sanctioned.

I am inclined to believe that there is or was smuggling in the Govt. distillery, which could be prevented when the liquor percolates from one place to another & finally into the cask for despatch. All being under lock & key as it were - Only a week back some 1000 G

of Coffee was discovered by our Police in Gellakunka
had been stolen from Dunip's Coffee works.
one bundles of yarn stolen from the Woollen
Mills I merely mention this to show how
e of every ordinary precaution, frauds take
with comparative ease - And the Govt
y is probably no exception. Tho an unknown
ty, we shall probably save much by stopping
ing at the Distillery
egards Para II of Mr. Yorke's letter I thought
ld to inform him that the question of
tion was still under consideration - I
he law is on our side, but there may be
in the case - which can only be gathered
books & leading cases on Mercantile Law
I have not yet had time
by & from which I shall be sorry to
escape -

I do you decide to drop the matter & which, as now impending, is a matter of unpleasantness.

Regarding Para III, I may state that Mr. Yorke seems under the impression that the Sugar factory at Pathully is priced at Rs ~~[illegible]~~ a figure & that charges incurred for distilling apparatus & working thereof have been included / which if correct, should not be the case / as chargeable to the Sugar factory.

As I urged Mr. Peebles, so I have all along been urging Mr. Millar & Parry & Co to go in for Sugar. They (Parry & Co) seem to prefer building a new factory. Such a factory will benefit Mysore in the "material" point of view - & also our Railway, but I will not take up your time now on this subject, but wait till I shall hear further from Mr. Yorke on the subject.

Yrs very truly

[signature]

SECTION 8

FILE No. 79-89

SER'AL No. 15

(General Serial No. 803)

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OFFICE OF THE DEWAN OF MYSORE
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18 JUN. 92
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From The Excise Commissioner in Mysore

To (19)

The Chief Secretary to the Dewan of Mysor

Dated 17th June 1892.

Despatched 18

Received

Enclosures No. 1 Packet

General No. 1806

No. 86

~~In reply to~~

SUBJECT.

Requests that the Residen
may be solicited early
to move the Government of
India to extend the period
allowed for importation
of Nellikuppam liquor
into Mysore, for another
three months, i.e till 1st
October 1892, under the
circumstances herein
represented.

References (to be entered only in the Dewan's Office).

Put up to Dewan Instr
Draft D.O. to the Chief

Vergnt.

O. 1806
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(with 1 Packet.)

From,

Office of the Excise Commissioner,
in Mysore,
Dated, Bangalore, 17th June 1892. 46/18

The Excise Commissioner,
in Mysore.

To,

The Chief Secretary to the Dewan
of Mysore.

Sir,

I have the honor to state that the period of three months Sanctioned by the Government of India to import Arrack from Nellikuppam in the Madras Presidency into Mysore, will expire on the 1st July next.

II. The present Manufacturers of Arrack, Messrs Parry & Co, are introducing Several improvements in the Distillery Buildings, and which are also being Supplemented by Government, Such as the Substitution of water pipes from the Distillery tank for an open drain, and also the construction of a chimney which is a very essential addition. The chimney in particular, though the work is being pushed on with energy,

will not be completed before 3 months hence.

Consequently, distilling operations cannot be commenced at present.

III I may add that the improvements and additions now under execution, will result in the Hyderabad Government Distillery becoming a first class one.

IV Under such circumstances, I beg to request that the Resident may be solicited early to move the Government of India, by wire, to extend the period allowed for importation of Nellikuppam liquor into Hyderabad under Bond, for another 3 months, i.e. till 1st October 1892.

V Two files containing the necessary references on the subject are herewith forwarded, which may be returned when no longer required.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant.

Excise Commissioner.

SECTION

FILE NO. 7-88.

SERIAL NO. 16

(22) (48)

20/9/22

My dear Sir

In my D. O. letter
& In. H. Pending request
of 5th March last I fully ex-
plained the circumstances
under which it became
necessary to import
Nellikuppam arrack
& asked that the
sanction of the Govt of
India may be obtained
for importing such liquor
under bond free of duty
for three months. The
sanction was kindly
accorded.

The water difficulty
still continues, though
in a diminished degree
since the
Distillery
has also become
necessary
moreover it
been considered
to introduce
several improvements
in the Distillery buildings

for all practical purposes, the for through the Distillery tank has rec'd a small supply from the rains we have had the same is not sufficient to justify the immediate re-commencement of D. T. Water.

both by Distillers and the Government such as introduction of water tubes from the Distillery Tanks to an Open Drain, the Construction of a Chimney and various other little arrangements Calculated to ensure security of Liquor as well as facility in its Manufacture and thereby prevent smuggling adulteration &c. All this will prevent ~~this will attain for~~ ~~little time~~ at Bangalore for some little time yet. And the advantages aimed at in these arrangements the Assigned Tract possesses largely shares.

I have therefore to request

Note as personally written and drawn by Mr Mitchell

That you will be kind enough to move the Government of India and obtain for me leave to extend for another period of three months up to 30th Sept next the arrangement under which Kellikupam Liquor is now imported for the supply of the Mysore Province —

The present sanction runs up to the 30th June — The further leave I have proposed may extend to the 30th Sept next.

I shall feel obliged by your asking for the sanction of the Govt of India by wire —

Yours &c

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Draft

Mrs Nicholls
desires to be
allowed to take
the Queensbottle.
(this draft altered
& approved) Please
to Mrs Nicholls
the matter
within to Dan

20/6

I have spoken
on the Resident
the wine wine to Mrs
I transmit the
the letter

20/2/92

(27)

Bangalore
SECTION 2nd June 1892.

FILE No. 2 3rd June 1892 10.87

SUB No. 16

My dear Mr. Guillon,

I have received your letter enclosing official from Parry & Co for extension of time for importing spirit from British Territories.

Government has sanctioned the alteration you allude to, in addition to those being carried out by Parry & Co.

They will take time to complete - especially the Chimney, which cannot be built hurriedly.

These alterations which may in fact be considered "extensive" will benefit - Parry & Co. as Distillers - & also Government in saving of Establishment at Distillery, and minimising, if not entirely preventing, - smuggling of liquor from the distillery premises.

Further, these alterations will permanently improve the Distillery. And it is to be noted that if they are not effected now, there will be a necessity of importing liquor from Madras hereafter - whenever such improvements have to be carried out.

The above will be duly recommended to Government i.e. further import of liquor from outside Kaypore for a further period of three months or more if considered necessary, commencing from 1st July next.

But the question remaining to be settled is, who is to bear the extra charge to be incurred by this long importation from Vellikuppam.

The spirit of Parry and Co's prop. do

as gathered from previous correspondence, would seem to be that they would be prepared to consider a reduction of rates as would be satisfactory to the Singpore Government - and in Dr. Vijayendra Row's letter to you of 2/4/92, he says Govt. "agree to take the same liquor "for a longer period than three months <u>should</u> "<u>the present water difficulty continue</u>; but "at such lower rate than 12½ annas as may "be mutually agreed upon within the next "month."

At present there is no water difficulty. As a feeler; for at present I am not in a position to refer the matter to Govt. for orders. I would suggest for the longer importation from Kellikuppam that Parry & Co. charge the Contract price viz 10½ annas for the Civil & Military Station - also the same price for

by figures or equitable computation, calculate any addition on 10½ annas as being the value to Govt of the proposed or rather sanctioned alterations to the Distillery after taking into consideration what these alterations will really cost Government.

I know the Dewan would be well pleased if you agreed to the contract rate of 10½ annas. It might perhaps smooth over other difficulties and such agreement would be considered as "without prejudice" i.e. in no way altering your position or that of Government in respect of any differences which may now be pending.

Believe me
Yours sincerely

Copy
S Mitchell

SECTION

FILE No. 78 88

SERIAL No. 15

Bangalore, 29 June 1892.

Chief Secy -
Comm. at once
Dewan Comm by
29/6/92

copy sent 29/6

My dear Dewan

In reply to your demi official letter of the 20th instant I have the pleasure to inform you that the Resident has obtained the sanction of the Government of India to the existing arrange-ments for import of arrack from Nellocuppam distillery under bond, free of duty, for consumption in Mysore, being extended up to 30th September next.

The Government of Madras have accordingly issued the necessary instructions to the Board of Revenue, Madras.

Yours sincerely

C. Bendall

K. Sheshadri Iyer Esquire C.S.I.,

Dewan of Mysore.

SECTION S.K. (General Se). 30.)

FILE No. 70-88 189 . 57

From

No. 16 X (24)

To The Excise Commr in Mysore

Dated 29 June/92

Despatched 29th June 1892

Received

Enclosures No.

General No. 5605

No. 526

Excise Cos No. 1806 dy 17/86 to
Instant in re Extension
of the period allowed for
importation of Nellikuppam
Liquor into Mysore free
of Transit duty.

In reply to the above has
the honor to forward herewith
Copy of the Asst Resident's
D.O. letter dated 28th ult
Communicating sanction
of the Govt of India to Extension
of present arrangement
till 30th Sept next.

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29/6/92

13 From. The Excise Comm. Dy No. 3517 / L. No 581/86 Q 17.6.92
Requests that the Resident may be solicited to move
the Govt of India to extend the period allowed for
importation of Nellore Toddy liquor into Mysore
for another 3 months.

14 To the Resident in Mysore.
D. O. Q 20. 6. 92
Forwards copy of the above to obtain the sanction of
the Govt of India by wire.

15 From. Captain Ravenshaw. D. O. Q 29. 6. 1892
D. O. Q 29-6-1892
States that the Resident has obtained permission
from the Govt of India as called for in Sl 13.
to the Excise Comm.

16 To the Excise Comm. No 5605/526 Q 29. 6. 92
Forwards copy of the above as required in Sl
13. above.

Indorsed
N Ramachandra